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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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TAGS: EAID, EGEN, BM

SUBJECT: GUB REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE/IMF GOVERNOR'S
MEETING

REF: RANGOON 1995

1. BURMESE AMBASSADOR TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICER JULY 30
THAT THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, U LWIN, HAS OFFICIALLY
INFORMED HIM THAT HE (DEPUTY PM) WILL HEAD 5-MANDELEGATION
TO SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 2 IMF/IBRD GOVERNOR'S MEETING IN
WASHINGTON. HE SAID THAT LWIN PLANS TO REMAIN UNTIL
OCTOBER 12 AND DURING THAT PERIOD HAS ASKED AMBASSADOR TO
ARRANGE INFORMAL DINNER WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC MATTERS. DEPUTY PM DID NOT
SPECIFY SUBJECTS HE WISHES TO DISCUSS, BUT AMBASSADOR
ASSUMES THAT OCCASION WILL BE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT
RECENT GUB INQUIRIES TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM
U.S. AMBASSADOR ALSO SAID HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON STATUS OF BURMESE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE, AL-
THOUGH HE ASSUMED THAT GUB WAS SEEKING AID FROM JAPAN,
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GERMANY AND AUSTRALIA. DEPARTMENT OFFICER REITERATED

THAT PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING ASSISTANCE FROM U.S. WERE NOT GOOD, BUT THAT SUBJECT WAS BEING STUDIED AND THAT A REPLY COULD BE EXPECTED SOON.

2. THIS INFORMATION CONFIRMS SPECULATION REFTEL THAT

DEPUTY PM WOULD ATTEND IMF GOVERNOR'S MEETING, ALTHOUGH HIS DECISION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE ABSENCE OF AN ASSURANCE THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANCE OF A FAVORABLE U.S. REPLY TO BURMA'S RECENT REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.
(FYI: WE HOPE TO HAVE A REPLY SOON. END FYI) KISSINGER

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